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A RESOLUTION

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**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE
MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER
INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE STATE
OF GEORGIA FOR THE SALE TO THE
STATE OF THE DAWSON FOREST
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta owns approximately ten thousand acres of land in Dawson County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, said land is currently leased to the State of Georgia and is used as the Dawson Forest Wildlife Management Area; and

WHEREAS, the purpose for the purchase of said land by the City of Atlanta was for a second airport; and

WHEREAS, the City no longer intends to build an airport in Dawson County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta had said property appraised by Pritchett, Ball and Wise, Inc. and Morgan R. Mellette Company; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has expressed an interest in purchasing said land to be preserved permanently and used as a Wildlife Management Area and Natural Area; and

WHEREAS, said property is of great ecological significance, embracing the confluence of Amicalola Creek and the Etowah River and harboring threatened species; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the City of Atlanta that the land be sold to a conservation buyer who will preserve the land:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to enter into negotiations with the State of Georgia for the sale to the State of the Dawson Forest Wildlife Management Area.